A Protest Against Divorce - Demand of the Government the Reforms Asked by Christian Democrats-Struggle Between the Church and the Socialists for the Control of the Laboring Classes.

ROME, Feb. 1.-On Jan. 26, Milan, the great, live city of Italy admired in the Teatro Fassati a sight worthy of a Christian pencil. Forty-five hundred delegates representing 109 trade organizations and 103,000 workingmen, including 16,000 women, applauded the programme of Christian Democracy. A workman, Signor Tagliabue presided. The proceedings began with the recitation of the prayer "Hail Mary." All these social forces, these powers from the lower strata, these voices from the factories and the fields humbled their souls, before the Madonna of the workman, the poor and the humble. An electric current is being established between Leo XIII. and the working classes, effective sympathy, touching gratitude.

On motion of the President, the 4500 delegates sent to Signor Zancardelli, President of the Council, an eloquent address protesting against the Divorce bill which s now being pushed by the anticlerical forces. A Socialist assembly has the right to put such a protest at the head of its demands. Italy has presented the Divine family feeling. A priceless legacy of Christian tradition, the religion of the family like a vivifying and purifying perfume has maintained in a country inclined to effeminate weakness the respect for austere virtues and fruitful life. As far back as 1870 the reform was talked of, but the movement was checked by Queen Mar-

gherita and the strength of popular feeling.

The preservation of Christian marriage thus auspiciously heads the social programme of the Catholic workmen. In the same address they demand of the Govent economic reforms, so that the life of the people may improve gradually; they ask for laws to protect women and children, for a weekly day of rest, for trade organizations, for labor unions, industrial and agricultural, and so forth. It is the list of demands which Christian democracy makes in these countries, so that there is nothing new or sensational in them. What is novel is the workingman's congress itself, the people coming to a knowledge of its social power, the joyful, living, effective cooperation of the Christian with the democratic ideals; it is the first carrying into effect of the Pope's Encyclical to workingmen. For this reason the meeting is important his-

On this side of the Alps the duel is no longer between the House of Savoy and the Republic, the common people and the middle classes, anti-clericalism and re-ligion; it is being fought within the democracy between the Socialist movement and the Guelph party. A false position of forces that is very regrettable.

Reforming socialism has in its strictly social doctrine nothing in contradiction of the Gospels and Catholic tradition. The day will come perhaps when the people, disgusted at the way in which it is being exploited, will return to the loyal straight path. But the jugglers, the pyrotechnists of militant free thought, frightened at the Pope's policy, have carried out the flank ent, which Leo XIII. with his prophetic foresight had ordered the Catholics to make. The Pope's directions about the ralliement," about democracy and social reforms terrified the anticlericals, who, instead of the Catholics, have made their own that most strikingly timely charter. So the union of the sectaries with the Socialists is being formed openly. For this reason, particularly in Italy, the extreme Left has again put on the red cap and is carrying that the country districts the blanded selection was great and deserved. into the country districts the blended colors of socialism and of violent anticlerica

peasants. His type is that immortalized in French literary tradition by Froissart, Rabelais, Montaigne and La Bruyère; he is ragged, gloomy, passionate, sickly, living on polenta. To him the Socialists bring the good news of redemption. Wherever the priests stick to their sacristies the Masaniellos of democracy reap easy crops. The "sufferer" of civilization, as Dostoyewski calls him, the pariah of the "Third Rome," revolts against his den and his black hearth when he hears their golden voices. It is on this account that Rome has taken action, a vigorous march forward. As in Belgium, the Catholics, by forestalling the revolutionists, may win the first battle, perhaps gain the decisive victory.

In France like threats do not raise up like barriers. Yet if the Catholics wish to maintain their positions and to snatch from the anticlericals the people, which is still asleep or full of suspicion, there is no time to lose, no programme to be put off. The social movement is rising with the all powerful impetus of an irresistible tide and an inevitable need. Inexpressible sadness comes upon one at the sight of timid blindness, of Byzantine dissensions and of childish polemics. It is enough

What, here, if we may believe every sign on the horizon, every wave of the ocean, every warning of the pilots, here we have the democratic spring time bursting forth, the natural bloom of twenty centuries of Christianity! And Christians, generous minds, valiant hearts, souls full of charity, are amusing themselves with the petty puzzles of the past, discussing the law fulness of democracy, quibbling about what may and what must be ignored, sinking into pessimism when those who trust them are looking for saviors. Does not this sight recall the sophists and rhymers of the fourth and fifth centuries after Christ endeavoring to bar to Christianity, by their antiquated learning, the free road to the future? INNOMINATO.

#### SNOWBALLED, HE USES RAZOR. Italian Barber Slashes Man Who Tried to Protect Boys.

Macklas Struggivenetto, a barber, of 568 Eleventh avenue was snowballed by boys as he came from his shop last evening, and he ran back, got a razor and chased them. He was about to slash a little boy with the razor when John Brandle of 515
West Fifty-sixth street interfered.
The Italian barber slashed Brandle a
dozen times on the head, face and arms and

dozen times on the head, face and arms and left him unconscious on the sidewalk. Policeman Hanlon had by that time started after the Italian. Just as he had almost caught up with the barber the latter fell, cutting a deep gash in his chin, whether by accident or not the policeman couldn't say.

Brandle was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital in a carrier to the conserver. pital in a serious condition. The barber was locked up.

#### ALBERT BIERSTADT.

The death of Albert Bierstadt on the 18th inst. removes a painter of landscape, who in his day occupied a very considerable position in American art. That his day reached its meridian thirty years ago and that the point of view of painters has changed considerably since then, as well as the attitude of the American public toward the art of its own painters, only makes the reminiscence more interesting.

Born at Dusseldorf in 1830, Mr. Bierstadt was brought to this country when very young, his family settling in New Bedford, Mass. As a youth he was devoted to drawing and began to paint when about 20 years old. Resolved to adopt painting as a profession, he returned to Düsseldorf in 1853 and entered the Academy under Lessing; later studying for a year in Italy. In 1858 he was back in the United States and joined in the expedition of Gen. Lander into the Rocky Mountains and California.

The result was a number of large and imposing pictures of nature in its grandest aspects, such as the "Valley of the Yosemite" in the Lencx collection, "Mount Corcoran" in the Corcoran Art Gallery at Washington, D. C.; "Laramie Peak" in the Academy of Fine Arts, Buffalo, and "Lander's Peak" and "Mount Rosalie," which are owned in England. For the enthusiasm aroused by these pictures extended to Europe, and many painting visits which Mr. Bierstadt made to the other side of the Atlantic, still further increased his reputation in both hemispheres. He received medals in Austria, Germany Bavaria and Belgium, the Cross of the Legion of Honor, two degrees of the Order of St. Stanislaus of Russia and the Imperial Order of the Medjidi, conferred by the Sultan of Turkey.

It was the same kind of success that greeted the work of Frederick E. Church. though perhaps still more pronounced; and it is noteworthy that it had its beginning in American appreciation. Possibly some éclat may have been attached to Bierstadt through his study in Düsseldorf, for those were Düsseldorfian days, but this would not account for Church's following and indeed it seems as if Americans of forty years ago were more enthusiastic than to-day over the work of their own painters. They did not wait for their painters to receive the indorsement of foreigners; there was, in fact, a closer rapport between the artists and the public, and in the less cosmopolitan society of that period, the artist occupied a position of much consideration.

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It is quite possible that pictures such as Bierstadt's appealed to a more naive taste; to that love of the big and imposing of which Barnum so prefitably availed himself. But even so, this does not explain why a presumably more cultivated taste is so chary of doing justice to pictures in which just such taste is expressed and will still give large prices for foreign pictures, often on the mere recommendation of a dealer, while it considers the purchase of an American landscape as something of a condescension and expects that the price shall be proportionately smaller.

Again, it is customary nowadays to speak disparagingly of Bierstadt as having introduced into this country the Düsseldorfian method of huge topographical landscapes, under the influence of his master, Lessing, who was given to sentimentalism and exaggeration. Well, if it were a question between the merits of this sort of landscape and that of the Barbizon men, it would be different, but we are concerned at the moment rather with

sort of landscape and that of the Barbizon men, it would be different, but we are concerned at the moment rather with Bierstadt's personal contribution to American art. And I can quite believe that he had those large ideas in his mind before he went to Düsseldorf. They were days when a star had appeared in the West, beckoning all kinds of men wise and otherwise; days of expansion and large imaginings, and the fact that Bierstadt made for the West immediately upon his return home rather points to the Bierstadt made for the West immediately upon his return home rather points to the spontaneousness of the impulse. The "movement of 1830" was in large measure a recoil from the barren grandiloquence of classicalism, while Bierstadt's impulse was from the narrower conditions of the East to the wider grandeur of the West Each, in its arrower research. in its way, was natural and had nature for

At Clausen's Gallery Charles H. Davis

The Guelphs are defending themselves.
They have one advantage, the common people continue to be Christian. But the revolution is in motion and is spreading like oil on the waters throughout the villages of the North where the country curates are asleep in their retrogade conservatism. Poverty-stricken and pressed down the contadino of the land at the foot of the Alps is unlike either Balzac's or Zola's peasants. His type is that immortalized establishes a sound foundation of fact for establishes a sound foundation of fact for the overlay of delicate sentiment. One may easily overlook the importance of this, until some day one finds oneself before a picture that has much evident charm and yet fails to be convincing. Then one realizes that the sentiment is but a pleasant veneer, unsupported by substantiality; and what for the moment was pleasurable becomes by further acquaintance intoler-ably unsatisfactory; mere sentimentality.

The moods of nature represented in this collection are varied, but all are convincingly rendered. To signalize certain pictures would be only to express one's individual preference. I would rather call attention to the consistent excellence of this exhibition and leave to each visitor an undisturbed selection of what appeals

#### HOWELLS'S BELATED REPLY.

Author Sends His Autograph to Carter Harrison After Twenty Years.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.-Twenty years ago Carter H. Harrison asked William Dean Howells for his autograph. Yesterday he got it, enclosed in the return envelope he day. The physicists adjourned to listen had sent, stamped with an old-fashioned green three-cent stamp. To-day the bit

avenue, Chicago," and on the envelope Mr. Howells wrote: "Office of the Mayor?" as a guide to the postman. The letter went to the former residence of the Harrisons in Ashland avenue and was forwarded to the City Hall.

"Carter H. Harrison, Jr., 231 Ashland

Mr. Howells last night explained his

Mr. Howells last night explained his delay in granting the request for the autograph by saying that he found Mayor Harrison's letter with "the sickly-green stamp" the other day in an old letter file.

"I usually throw all such requests away," said Mr. Howells. "I found with it two other similar requests, one from a member of the Union League Club. I granted all three."

This reminds me of the story of the boy "This reminds me of the story of the boy who was sent by his father to get an armful of wood and ran away to sea. When he returned fifteen years later he saw his father through the window, got some wood, and brought it in, saying:

"Here's that wood, father.'

"The old man merely nodded and said:

"All right. You can go to bed now.'"

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MINISTER CONGER DESCRIBES 6,000 VOLUME COLLECTION.

It Is a Library of Standard Works Collected by an Imperial Commission Two Centuries Ago and Not Heretofore Accessible to American Students

The State Department has notified President Butler of Columbia University of the receipt of a despatch from Minister Conger at Pekin, which gives full information regarding the gift of books and other material to illustrate the instruction in Chinese subjects to be undertaken under the new Dean Lung or Carpentier foundation at the university.

The collection selected by the Foreign Office of China for presentation to Columbia is known as the T'u Shu Chi Ch'eng, a standard collection of ancient and modern works. It is the most comprehensive ever made in China and consists of more than 6,000 volumes, divided into thirtytwo classes in which all facts regarding China are recorded and classified, all sources of information and all authorities cited

and discussed.

The work was originally undertaken by a commission of Chinese scholars appointed by Emperor Kang Hsi, who reigned from 1662 to 1723. The gift puts at the disposal of American students a collection of re-search data not heretofore accessible to them. The value of the collection is about \$7,000.

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BOUGHT A GIRL FOR \$100. Grave Charge Against an American Engl-

neer Returning From Guatemala. San Francisco, Feb. 22.-Summerfield Bassett, an American Civil engineer who has been in Guatemala for the South Pacific company, is under arrest here for importing Augustina Morales, a young girl from Guatemala, for immoral purposes. Bassett declared to passengers on the steamer Luxor that he had paid \$100 for the girl and that when he desired he could dispose o

that when he desired he could dispose of her at reasonable profit.

To the officials here Bassett said they had been married by a Guatemalan priest three months ago. The name of the church-man he could not remember. In fact, his memory was hazy as to the details of the affair.

of the affair.

The girl said she was married to Bassett, but when questioned by the Immigration Agent in Spanish she said she had been brought here by Bassett, who paid her mother \$100 and had promised to return her in three months. She is a pretty girl of 16, but can't speak a word of English.

#### SCIENTISTS MEET.

American Mathematical and Physical

Societies Hold Conventions. The conventions of the American Mathematical and American Physical societies were held at Columbia University yesterto Percival Lowell of Boston on "The Cap-ture of Comets by Jupiter." He was in-

green three-cent stamp. To-day the bit of paper is the choicest treasure in the collection of signatures of famous men which Carter H. Harrison has collected and had received from his father.

The Mayor's request was written Dec. 24, 1882. The reply he received yesterday was:

DEAR S.R: I have at last found time for subscribing myself. yours very truly.

W. D. Howells.

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The envelope in which the Mayor sent his request had been marked by him as follows:

"Carter H. Harrison has collected and had received from his father.

The Mayor's request was written Dec. William Fog Osgood, Otto Dunkel and W. H. Roever, of Harvard; Profs. James Maclay and Frank Nelson Cole, of Columbia; Dr. Ernest Julius Wilczynski, of the University of California; Dr. William F. Fite, Dr. Virgil Snyder, H. L. Rietz, J. W. Young and Dr. John Irwin Hutchinson, of Cornell; Prof. Leonard Eugene Dickson, of the University of Chicago, and Prof. Ernest Brown of Haverford.

Porter, of Yale; Dr. William F. Fite, Dr. Virgil Snyder, H. L. Rietz, J. W. Young and Dr. John Irwin Hutchinson, of Cornell; Prof. Leonard Eugene Dickson, of the University of Chicago, and Prof. Ernest Brown of Haverford.

BANK BOOKKEEPER A SUICIDE.

Richard M. Barber of Lexington, Ky., Kills Himself—Books Heing Examined.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 22.—Richard M. Barber, aged 43. individual bookkeeper at the Fayette National Bank, committed suicide at noon to-day by shooting himself through the head. Barber comes from the well-known Louisville family of that name and has resided in Lexington for the last fifteen years.

The books of the bank are now in the hands of an expert accountant. Barber's books are just being looked into. Bank officials declare that there is no shortage and that the examination of books is a periodical routine matter.

Barber leaves a widow and an infant.

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#### Honolulu Not Sinking.

HONOLULU, Feb. 15, via San Francisco Feb. 22. Prof. Curtis J. Lyons, Territorial meteorologist, has just completed a tabulation of the daily record of the mean sealevels for this island (Oahu). From this he finds that fears that the island is gradually sinking are unfounded, as the mean sealevel hasn't varied.

FRENCH LINER'S SIGNAL "Not Under Control," to the Lucania Probably Meant Minor Mishap.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON Feb. 22.-The Cunard liner Lucania reports that on Feb. 15, in latitude 40.19 North, longitude 72.47 West, she passed a French line steamer which was not moving and flying a signal that she was not under control.

The Lucania sailed from this port on Feb. 15. The signal "not under control" is a common one and may mean simply that the vessel flying it is making some minor repairs and wants other craft to keep clear of her. The French liner seen was about 100 miles east of Sandy Hook. She may have been La Touraine, which arrived from Havre last Sunday. She reported no accident. reported no accident

JOHN J. M'GARRY DEAD. Former Councilman and a Notable Political

Figure in Brooklyn. Former Councilman John J. McGarry,

Brooklyn, died yesterday morning at his country home at Lawrence, L. I. Complications following an operation for tonsilitis, from which he had been suffering for about five weeks, resulted in his death. He was born thirty-three years ago in the Tenth ward in Brooklyn, of which his father,

the late Alderman James McGarry, was the undisputed Democratic leader for more than a generation. He was educated in St. Francis College and the Polytechnic Institute, graduating

from the latter in his nineteenth year. He It is understood that the collection is now being prepared for shipment by the Viceroy at Nankin Liu Kun-i. Minister Conger adds that the presentation of the collection at this time and "the interest manifested by the officials are indications of the friendly attitude of the Chinese toward the United States."

became associated with his father in his extensive contract work, and also early took a hand in the game of politics. When his father retired from official life in the Schieren-Boody campaign in 1893, he was nominated for Alderman and elected.

His father died in his term and the young and it is then carried ripin the diggings on and it is then carried ripin the diggings on and it is then carried ripin the diggings of an and it is then carried ripin the diggings of an and it is then carried ripin the diggings of an and it is then carried ripin the diggings of an and it is then carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the post of the short railroads to the nitrate ports, where most of it is shipped to Europe to be used to fit it is then carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the diggings of an anticular to the carried ripin the digging of an anticular to the carried ripin the digging of an anticular to the carried ripin the digging of an anticular to the carried ripin the carried ripin the carried ripin to the carried ripin the carried ripin to the carried ripin the carried ripin to the c

His father died in his term and the young Alderman was chosen as his successor in the leadership of the Tenth Ward Democracy. He was relected to the Board of Aldermen and in 1897 was chosen Councilman from his district. Soon after his election he broke with the Willoughby street managers, who resented his independent attitude.

After one of the most bitter and protracted political factional fights in the history of Brooklyn, Mr. Garry was deposed from the leadership and John Morrissey Gray, his uncle, installed in his place. Although he continued to live in the Tenth ward he gradually broke away from his political entanglements and for the past two years has devoted himself almost exclusively to business.

It was mainly through his efforts that the great Cuban-American Tobacco Com-

It was mainly through his efforts that the great Cuban-American Tobacco Company, which afterwards became the Cuban-American Manufacturing Company, of which he was President, was organized. He is said to have had a salary of \$25,000 a year as President of the corporation. It is estimated that he has left a fortune of over \$500,000.

He owned some fine horses and had a choice library and many valuable pictures at his country home. He was a member of the Brooklyn Club, the Democratic Club

at his country home. He was a member of the Brooklyn Club, the Democratic Club, on Fifth avenue, the Manhattan Club, the St. Patrick Society, the Emerald Society, and various other organizations. He leaves and various other organizations. He leaves a widow, the daughter of Ex-Alderman James Dunne, and seven children, the oldest only a little over 10 years.

#### Obliuary Notes.

James Hude Beekman, one of the older members of the New York Stock Exchange, died yesterday at his home at 25 East Forty-seventh street. He was born in this city in 1848. His membership in the exchange dated back to January, 1889, when he entered as a member of the firm of Robert Winthrop & Co. He retired wholly from business about ten years ago. Mr. Beekman was for many years one of the governors of the Union Club and was at his death still a manager of the St. Nicholas Society. Other clubs to which he belonged were the Players', the Metropolitan, the Century, the Turf and Field and the Suburban Riding and Driving clubs. Mr. Beekman leaves a widow, who was Miss Florence Delaplaine, a daughter of the late Hon. Isaac C. Delaplaine.

connected with a Manhattan hospital for cripples.

David W. Stratton, who died at Napanoch, Ulster scounty, this week at the age of 86 years, probably taught school for more consecutive years than any other man in New York State. During his experience as a schoolmaster he taught Jay Gould and had many other prominent men among his pupils.

William J. Smith of Brooklyn died at the Mansion House in Monticello, N. Y. on Friday, where he had been stopping with his family during the winter. He was 50 years old. He was a brother-in-law of the Rey. F. H. Carpenter, who is paster of the Duane Street Methodist Church, New York city. He was a prominent member of the Masonic lodge.

The sixth annual dinner of the Steuben county, in this State. The members of this society all formerly resided in Steuben county, in this State. Former Judge William Rumsey was the toastmaster and the speakers were George H. Orcuit, John F. Murray, Col. J. E. Jones, Lawrence Murray and Grant C. Fox.

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They Now Know They Are the Most Popular Couple in the State - Mr. Rutherfurd Comes Down With a Tenner, and the Bride Bows to Cheering Musicians.

ALLAMUCHY, N. J., Feb. 22.-More than one hundred farmers, young and old, together with their wives and sweethearts, gathered last night and descended on "Tranquillity Farms," where Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Rutherfurd are spending their honeymoon, and "belled" the bride and bride groom No one here, save those on the Farms, knew that the newly married couple was to come here after the wedding, which occurred at Grace Church, in New York, on Tuesday, so it was not until last night that the farmer boys got together and sent the word broadcast through the settlement. The bride is a daughter of former Governor Levi P. Morton.

It should be explained to such as have had the misfortune to be born outside of New Jersey that no one was ever married in that State without afterward being callithumped and the popularity of the couple is usually gauged by the amount of callithumping they receive. Mr. Rutherfurd is now regarded as the most popular man in the State for on no previous occasion was there ever as much noise made by a "belling" party as last night.

The party got together at O'Donnell's store about 8 o'clock. Some brought tin pans, others horns that had gone through every political campaign since Greeley ran for the Presidency. Two young men brought a horse fiddle. At 8:30 o'clock the word was given and silently the crowd proceeded to the mansion house on the farms. They stole up on the great front porch without being discovered and then at a signal from the leader, the noise broke

To compare the outburst to anything else ever heard under the sun would not be doing the party justice, for no boilermaking plant ever turned out a brand of noise equal to it. The horns tooted, the pans rattled and a man who had brought a bass drum pounded.

Above all the din could be heard ever and anon the discordant notes of the horse fiddle as the artist drew his big bow across the resined ropes. Very soon after the sounds began Mr. Rutherfurd appeared at the door to inquire what had happened, but it was five minutes before he could be

He inquired the object of the call and learning that a ten-dollar bill and a glimpse of Mrs. Rutherford would purchase everlasting silence, he quickly offered to settle on those terms. The money was produced and amid the cheers of the callithumpians the bride came to the door and bowed to

her new neighbors. At O'Donnell's store the ten-dollar bill was quickly turned into candy, navy plug and cigars. Some of the boys managed to get a dollar commission on the deal and this wen to a farmer in the neighborhood who is famous for his brand of hard cider. When the cash had all been spent three cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Rutherfurd and the crowd dispersed.

#### NITRATE MEN ON STRIKE. Chile's Greatest Export Business Disturbed by Labor Troubles.

Nitrate of soda is the largest resource of Chile. It is obtained along the north coast of that republic, a little inland, and comprises three-fifths of the value of all commodities Chile sells to the rest of the world. It is found in the desert and has

the appearance of rock salt. Mills erected at the mines crush it, various processes exclude foreign substances became associated with his father in his and it is then carried from the diggings on

is used to a less extent in Great Britain and Belgium, and about one-tenth of the output is sold in this country. It is now in greater demand than ever and the high estimation in which it is held is shown by the fact that over 1,000,000 tons is sold every year to the farmers of Europe and the United

States.

The nitrate industry at present is being The nurate industry at present is being disturbed by troubles between the exporters and the labor they employ. Shipments through Iquique, the largest of the nitrate ports, have entirely ceased.

The trouble is due to the fact that in December last the brakemen on the nitrate gallond connecting language with the militate.

December last the orangemen on the intrate railroad connecting Iquique with the mines demanded eight hours' work with ten hours' pay and extra pay for overtime. The railroad company refused to comply and when new brakemen were employed the labor union refused to unload the cars of nitrate at the warehouses in the port. Then the exporters notified the workmen that no more nitrate would be shipped till the cars were unloaded and the striking work-

men were locked out.

The several labor societies having formed a union, have decided to hold out to the bitter end. At last accounts neither side bitter end. At last accounts neither side seemed disposed to yield and it was feared that disturbances would arise when workmen, who had been sent for, should arrive from the South. Nitrate was still being shipped from other ports to the north, but it is reported that they, too, will cease operations till all difficulties are settled.

If the trouble continues long the German sugar beet growers and many other farmers will have to use some other form of fertilizers. In many of the contracts made by sugar manufacturers of France and Germany with the growers of the sugar beet it is stipulated that a certain amount of nitrate shall be used every year on each nitrate shall be used every year on each acre of land devoted to beet culture.

#### Fire Insurance Raised in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 22.-Fire insurance rates will be increased here 25 per cent. or all mercantile and manufacturing risks. The Virginia Legislature last year passed a law preventing companies from forming a combination to raise rates and the penalties are heavy, but the losses have been greater than the premiums for three years and two companies have been forced to liquidate. Notwithstanding the law there is a tacit understanding among the companies that a raise is necessary and that it will be 25 per cent.

Saved Colored Woman and Child. An overturned lamp set fire last night to

floor of the five-story tenement occupied by negroes, at 129 West Thirtieth street. Mrs. William Jackson and her three-year-old daughter were caught on the top floor, the hallway being choked with smoke and fire. Detective Kennedy and Policemen Bollas and Aiken of the Tenderloin station helped Mrs. Jackson and her daughter down.

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